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**Committee Bill No. 464**

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Referred to Committee on Commerce

Introduced by:  
(CE)

**AN ACT IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE  
GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION FOR THE ECONOMIC  
DIVERSIFICATION OF SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 32-235 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2007*):

4 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the  
5 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the  
6 Department of Economic and Community Development for the  
7 purposes of sections 32-220 to 32-234, inclusive, including economic  
8 cluster-related programs and activities, and for the Connecticut job  
9 training finance demonstration program pursuant to sections 32-23uu  
10 and 32-23vv provided, (1) three million dollars shall be used by said  
11 department solely for the purposes of section 32-23uu and not more  
12 than five million two hundred fifty thousand dollars of the amount  
13 stated in said subsection (a) may be used by said department for the  
14 purposes of section 31-3u, (2) not less than one million dollars shall be  
15 used for an educational technology grant to the deployment center

16 program and the nonprofit business consortium deployment center  
17 approved pursuant to section 32-41l, (3) not less than two million  
18 dollars shall be used by said department for the establishment of a  
19 pilot program to make grants to businesses in designated areas of the  
20 state for construction, renovation or improvement of small  
21 manufacturing facilities provided such grants are matched by the  
22 business, a municipality or another financing entity. The commissioner  
23 shall designate areas of the state where manufacturing is a substantial  
24 part of the local economy and shall make grants under such pilot  
25 program which are likely to produce a significant economic  
26 development benefit for the designated area, (4) five million dollars  
27 may be used by said department for the manufacturing  
28 competitiveness grants program, (5) one million dollars shall be used  
29 by said department for the purpose of a grant to the Connecticut  
30 Center for Advanced Technology, for the purposes of section 32-237,  
31 and (6) [ten] fifty million dollars shall be used by said department for  
32 [the purpose of grants to the United States Navy or eligible applicants  
33 for projects related to the enhancement of infrastructure for long-term,  
34 on-going naval operations at the United States Naval Submarine Base-  
35 New London, located in Groton, which will increase the military value  
36 of said base] deposit into the Connecticut military value enhancement  
37 account, established pursuant to section 2 of this act, for infrastructure  
38 improvements to increase the military value of the United States Naval  
39 Submarine Base-New London.

40 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) There is established an  
41 account within the General Fund to be known as the "Connecticut  
42 military value enhancement account". Said account shall contain any  
43 moneys required by law to be deposited in the account. Any balance  
44 remaining in said account at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried  
45 forward in the account for the fiscal year next succeeding. The account  
46 shall be used by the Department of Economic and Community  
47 Development to make infrastructure improvements to increase the  
48 military value of the United States Naval Submarine Base-New  
49 London, located in Groton.

50 (b) The infrastructure improvements funded by said account shall  
 51 include construction of not less than one new pier at said base. The  
 52 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall  
 53 negotiate a fifteen-year lease with the United States Department of the  
 54 Navy for each new pier constructed. All payments under any such  
 55 lease shall be deposited into the account established pursuant to this  
 56 section. At the end of such lease, ownership of the pier may be  
 57 transferred to said department, provided, should said department  
 58 cease operations at said base prior to the end of such lease, said  
 59 department shall reimburse the state for the full cost of construction of  
 60 such pier.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |              |             |
| Section 1   | July 1, 2007 | 32-235(b)   |
| Sec. 2  | July 1, 2007 | New section |

**Statement of Purpose:**

To provide funding for infrastructure at the New London submarine base in Groton.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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